



THE CRIME OF THE BROOKLYN OFFICE.

CHAPTER XVI.—(Continued.)

"John Sand, a clerk at Pratt & Weeks, really was my informant about the case," said the man in the suit. "He had obtained a letter of introduction from Pratt & Weeks. In short, John Sand has become my own clerk, replied the lawyer. 'In support of your story, I shall produce Sand as a witness at the trial.'"

"And you think I will tell the deliberate falsehood, cunning as it is, which you have concocted in my behalf. No, sir, I will not lie; my informant must be established without a resort to such a ruse," said Stuart, resolutely.

"You are mad. You must be guided by me, or you will be convicted of this terrible crime," said the attorney, sternly.

"My informant must be proved without falsehood and deception," reiterated Stuart.

At that moment a turnkey opened the door of the cell, and admitted Edna Garrison.

Without, she had heard the conversation which had just passed between Stuart and the lawyer. She was delighted with the plausible and ingenious defense invented by the lawyer, and hope sprang up in her heart as she listened.

Stuart's positive refusal to save himself, or to attempt to do so, by means of the story proposed by the attorney, dashed all of Edna's hopes to the ground. But she was determined that Stuart should yield. He was innocent, and she believed that any means should be resorted to to prove him so.

"Yes, he must tell the lawyer's story," said Edna, musingly. "He must give a signal from her the turnkey admitted her to the cell."

Stuart was surprised at Edna's sudden entrance, and one glance at her pale and anxious face assured him that she had heard all of the conversation which had just taken place between himself and the attorney.

"You here, Edna?" he cried, taking her hand.

"Yes, and I have been a listener at the door. Oh, Stuart, if you are lost I shall die. Will you kill me? Will you break my heart? You must consent to tell the story your attorney has proposed," said Edna.

But yet, despite her entreaties, Stuart would not yield at her plea.

Edna had resolved to conquer his objections, and she persisted.

She fell at his feet, and in tears besought him to save himself for her sake.

"If you refuse you do not love me, and I shall die of grief," she cried, sobbing by emotion and excitement.

Stuart was conquered by the tears of the woman he loved.

He folded her in his arms, and while his noble face paled, he said at last:

"I consent. I will tell the story suggested for me by our good friend, Mr. Saybrook."

Such was the attorney's name. Edna believed that her victory would save Stuart, and she rejoiced accordingly.

Saybrook was delighted.

He was now faced with some heart. I will confess though, that public sentiment is against you, Mr. Harland, and the issue is still uncertain," he said.

Then he left the lovers in the cell, very well pleased with the result of the interview, and withdrew from the prison.

CHAPTER XVII.

The night of the evening on which Paxton had resolved to arrest Levi Kedge, the "shadow" who had followed the janitor since he became an object of suspicion, tracked his man to his boarding house.

According to instructions which he had previously given, the "shadow" remained on the watch before Kedge's boarding house.

Presently, as the night advanced, the detective made his appearance.

Paxton had come to arrest Kedge. He regarded the capture of the janitor as so very important that he did not care to delegate the task to any of his subordinates.

A few moments later Paxton hurried from his office. He had resolved to try a ruse.

In a very brief space of time he stood before Judith Kedge.

The woman had opened the door at his ring, and she seemed frightened at his appearance.

Unconscious of her arm and said, sternly:

"I've found you out," he said, and he produced a pair of handcuffs, as he added: "Tell me what you have done with Marion Oakburn, or I'll march you to prison."

Judith Kedge trembled from head to foot, and she involuntarily made an effort to free herself from the detective's grasp.

The attempt was useless.

"Right. The people in the locality into which I am about to lead you are suspicious, and most of them are in league with the old fence, whose customers they sometimes are. A force would surely approach suspiciously. Word of our approach would surely be passed to the old woman before we arrived, and we would have our trouble for our pains," said Hadden.

Then Paxton and the latter hastened from the office.

The night was dark and starless—well suited for a work of secrecy or crime.

The detective well knew that he was about to venture where he might encounter deadly peril, and he had looked well to the commission of his crime, which there might be no possibility of his falling from at a moment's notice.

From the description which Hadden had rendered, Paxton did not doubt that he was really the man he had long unavailingly undertaken to capture.

The detective believed that success was now almost within his grasp.

He would hesitate at no danger now. The house of the female fence was soon reached.

Saul Hadden rapped on the door in a peculiar way, and after waiting a pause, through which the old woman admitted the detective and his companion.

Hadden vouched for the detective. As the two men entered the house of the female fence, they saw an interior door close, as though at their entrance some one had started to flee.

He paused in the door, and said in an "I give you one warning, Judith Kedge: If Marion Oakburn is harmed in any way, you shall answer for it. We will inform your confederates."

Judith's answer was a mocking laugh. Paxton closed the door behind him, and he reached his retreat in safety.

Judith related to Levi what she had overheard that night while she listened at the door.

"So she would save Harland. That don't suit me. I want him converted. He must be a Christian. They don't hang two men for the same crime. And besides, he used me like a dog, did that Harland," said Levi.

"You say that is to be done," Judith said, about to go.

"It shall be done to-night."

When Levi found himself alone after Judith had left him, he stealthily made his way to the door, and he knew he could always find desperate, dangerous men, who would undertake almost anything for money.

This night whereof we are writing was to Paxton almost a sleepless one. He reflected and considered regarding the various developments which his researches had evolved.

Since the life of an innocent man was now in jeopardy, he felt that he must be deterred from doing his duty by any consideration whatsoever.

He believed it was his duty to cause Marion Oakburn to again be in contact, and since she had declined to do this voluntarily, Paxton that night determined to force her to explain, or he would arrest her.

At an early hour in the morning he visited the "shadow" in his room until she appears," said Paxton, and he ascended the stairs.

"I wish to see Miss Oakburn," said Paxton.

"Yes, well, I will tell her," answered Judith, and she started up the stairs.

"I will go up with you, and remain outside the door until she appears," said Paxton, and he ascended the stairs.

A moment later she turned to the detective.

"Marion Oakburn has run away," she cried.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Jewell City is out of debt and has over \$200 in the treasury.

A Burlington cedar vinegar factory makes annually 50,000 gallons of vinegar from apples exclusively.

Lawrence.—The storm did considerable damage north of the city. A number of barns and outbuildings were blown down, and the fence of a large grove was carried some distance away.

The Indian girls of Haskell institute attended the circus in Lawrence in a body. They made a very pretty appearance as they marched up Massachusetts street in their blue costumes.

Seneca special: P. L. Wheeler, a farmer living near Atwell, fell from a windmill tower and was so badly injured that he died in a few hours. Mr. Wheeler was a Knight Templar. Paternal uncle of Masonic aspirants.

Topeka Capital: Secretary Pound of the State Fair association, is busily engaged in mailing some 10,000 of the special programs for the fair this year. The board intends to bring the horsemen here, if such a thing is possible.

From Burns: There is more building going on in Burns than in any other town in Washington county. Every carpenter is busy, as well as several from outside towns. Pat Barnes down as a wide-awake, rustling town.

Marion.—The elevator near the Santa Fe depot was burned. The wind was blowing a gale during the time, but as the elevator was isolated some distance from other buildings the fire did not spread. The loss was very trifling.

Ottawa had a Sunday fire, which burned out the street car stables, two private stables and several other buildings. The fire was caused by a gas leak, and it is believed that the fire was caused by a gas leak.

Argentina.—Twenty-seven cubes or blocks of silver ore left the Santa Fe depot last night for New York by the Wells Fargo Express. Each wagon carried a load of \$1,000 in money. This is a fair average of the amount forwarded daily from the Argentine smelters.

La Crosse special: Fire destroyed seven store buildings, with their contents, in the business part of town. The fire was caused by a gas leak, and it is believed that the fire was caused by a gas leak.

During a dispute over a game of cards in a saloon at Caldwell, Charles Smith, a young man who was known to be a gambler, was killed by a bullet fired by a man named Bill Williams. Williams ran after the shooting, but was captured and the officers have him in hiding, as the citizens are anxious to have him lynched.

Seneca special: Miss Nora Howard, a cousin of attorney Hoyle of this city, arrived here some six weeks ago from Chicago to spend the summer. On last Tuesday she was driving to her home, and this time no trace of her can be had. Mr. Hoyle has made search and done all he could to find her. No one thinks she would take her own life, yet her disappearance is a mystery.

Caldwell News: The amount of fruit trees cut on this spring has been great. The fruit trees have been cut on this spring has been great.

Ashtabula Journal: Hundreds of acres of soil were broken last year in this county by the eastern holders of mortgages. The same is being done this year, and we notice that this is true in Cossango county.

Cedar Vale Star: Sylvester Fitch left Elgin with an outfit of meat 2,500 head of cattle at Toledo, bound for pasture. Four thousand head were already in, 400 were expected Tuesday, and 5,000 steers and calves are expected.

The new city hall at Wichita was opened yesterday morning. It is the finest building of its character in the state, being built of a fine quality of stone, and fire proof throughout.

Lincoln Post No. 1, G. A. R. of Topeka, intend to celebrate the anniversary of the organization of the post this day by the presentation of a new flag.

Topeka Journal: The pupils of Clay school celebrated the advent of the day by perpetrating a flower shower on the principal. All the pupils of the first four grades, loaded with flowers, marched to the room of the principal, which was crowded with children.

The directors of the Santa Fe Hospital fund, A. A. Robinson, George R. Peck, Dr. Hogeboom, Charles West and W. H. Hamilton, met in Mr. Robinson's office on Tuesday, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of investing the surplus fund of \$100,000 in one or more hospitals.

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Leslies, ladies, think of the engagements you have broken and the disappointments you have caused to others, and perhaps also to your selves, all on account of headache. Braxator will cure you in fifteen minutes.

It is not generally believed that a liquid is essential to bring over a book.

In 1899 "Brown's Bronchial Troches" were introduced, and their success was due to the fact that they were made in the form of lozenges, and could be taken at any time.

One may screw up his courage and have his attention riveted.

Braxator's Troches are a painless and effective remedy for all the most serious disorders. For sale by all druggists.

"It seems the action," as the soldier said when he ran away.

THE KEELEY CURE. The Keeley Company of Kansas, which controls the right to use Dr. Leslie E. Keeley's Remedies for Drunkenness and the Opium and Tobacco Habits in the state of Kansas, have recently received a large quantity of the Remedies to be used in the treatment of the opium habit.

The Keeley Company of Kansas have been successful in their practice, having treated over 400 cases of alcoholism and opium habit with complete success. The staff of physicians are well known, practicing the Keeley cure for the cure of nervous and narcotic diseases under Dr. Keeley's direct supervision.

The wonderful cure of man sometimes comes over three or four years.

"Hansen's Magic Love Relief" is a new remedy for the cure of all the most serious disorders. For sale by all druggists.

Sometimes it pays to wait. Ohio has a tramp who is worth \$100,000.

"That means to be seen," as the boy said when he split the ink on the table cloth.

The Columbus View Company to advertise their business will call the attention of the public to the fact that they have been successful in their practice, having treated over 400 cases of alcoholism and opium habit with complete success.

Mr. Carleton will try to get his work in on Mr. Sullivan early to avoid the risk.

No More Round Shoulders. In Boston, Pa., Shoulder Braces are made by the Keeley Company of Kansas, which controls the right to use Dr. Leslie E. Keeley's Remedies for Drunkenness and the Opium and Tobacco Habits in the state of Kansas.

What is love? Two heads with but a single thought, two souls that are not like ours.

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